

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

COVID -19 - Special Instructions for Procurement of Medical, Surgical Equipment and other essential supplies for COVID-19 Relief Operations – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (TFR) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 29

Dated: 04-04-2020

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.20, Information Technology & Communication Department, dated: 6.7.2004.
2. G.O.Ms.No.489, Finance (TFR) Department, dated: 8.12.2008.
3. G.O.Ms.No.248, Finance (TFR) Department, dated: 6.9.2012.
4. G.O.Ms.No.258, Finance (TFR) Department, dated: 20.9.2013.
5. G.O.Ms.No.45, General Administration Department, dated: 22.3.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.13, Revenue (DM) Department, dated: 30.3.2020.
7. Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Office Memorandum No. F6/18/2019-PPD, dated: 27.3.2020.

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ORDER:

The rules and provisions governing the procurement of stores and equipment in all Government Departments are prescribed in Article 125 of the T.S. Financial Code, as amended from time to time vide G.Os. 2 to 4 read above. As per these provisions, all procurements of the value above Rs.5 lakhs have to be made through open tenders and all procurements of the value between Rs.1 lakh and Rs.5 lakhs have to be made through the process of limited tenders and in all cases where the procurement is of the value above Rs.1 lakh, the same shall be made through e-procurement mode.

2. The Government in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 read with all other enabling provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, has notified lockdown in the entire State of Telangana with immediate effect till 31st March, 2020. The same

lockdown was further extended till 14.4.2020 prescribing certain regulations and measures to be undertaken during the said period.

3. The prevailing conditions of health emergency would require immediate procurement of certain Diagnostic, Surgical and other medical equipment, Drugs and Pharmaceutical and other essential services and related supplies on priority for undertaking COVID-19 relief operations. Being a national and international health emergency of an unprecedented scale, any delays in procurement would result in loss of lives and hence, there is a paramount public interest in ensuring that the necessary goods and services, supplies are procured in the quickest possible manner and the procurement procedures have to be adapted.

4. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter hereby permit relaxation of the provisions of Article 125 of T.S. Financial Code and related further government orders on the subject in respect of procurement of certain Diagnostic, Surgical and other medical equipment, Drugs and Pharmaceutical and other essential services and related supplies on priority for undertaking COVID-19 relief operations, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The procurement may in the first instance, be made either from suppliers who are already empanelled on Rate Contract or through Government e-Market place (GEM), if the same meets the required time lines and quantities.
- ii. If the procurement from a supplier is not possible under (i) above, the same may be undertaken from any other source, either at the Rate-Contract or GEM rates, or at rates which are deemed to be reasonable by the Medical and Health Department, duly recording the non-feasibility of procurement under (i) above and reasonableness.
- iii. Procurement may simultaneously be undertaken from more than one source, if the entire quantity required is not feasible from a single source. In such cases, the rates of the goods and services may also be different for different sources.
- iv. Procurement from a single source may be resorted to, if in the Medical and Health Departments' assessment only that particular firm is the manufacturer of the required goods and services due to reasons of availability and timely supplies in the prevailing emergency conditions.

- v. The terms 'essential supplies' will include any items as deemed appropriate by the department, to be essential supplies that are necessary for COVID-19 relief operations and the same has to be recorded.
 - vi. The competent authority for making the procurements shall duly record the reasons for invoking the special relaxations permitted under this order in respect of such procurement.
6. The relaxations in this order shall be applicable to all procurements made by the HM&FW Department for COVID-19 relief operations.
7. The relaxations permitted under this order shall be in force w.e.f. 14.3.2020 and up to 31.05.2020 or such other date as may be prescribed by the Government through subsequent orders.
8. The Special Chief Secretary, HM&FW Department shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SOMESH KUMAR,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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